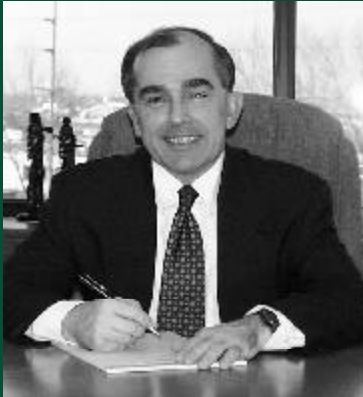


YOUR CITY

CITY OF BEAVERTON NEWSLETTER

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Our Community Moves Forward!



**ROB DRAKE,
MAYOR**

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Our community continues to change and evolve. While we face many of the same challenges that other communities do, Beaverton seems to always have much more positive than negative news. Our vibrant community is a beehive of activity, great successes and continually strives for improvement.

I value the relationship that City government has developed with our citizens. Communication and a continual two-way exchange has been an important part of our relationship with citizens. We work hard to listen to citizens and hear what is said. The City staff and I work to constantly improve and enhance ways to communicate and share ideas. Much of the joy in serving Beaverton citizens is in providing the professional City government that you have asked for and delivering on the pledge that we will serve you with integrity, efficiency and with the right attitude.

Our City has been divided geographically into thirteen Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs). The NACs are to provide a venue for people to work on issues in their local community and offer a means to bring these important issues to the attention of City Hall. Each year, I have the opportunity to address and talk with citizens who attend these regular NAC meetings. In giving my State of the City talk each year, it also is a great way for me to hear what is on your mind and answer questions. I look forward to these meetings and having the opportunity to meet with people in their own neighborhoods. Even if you don't have time to attend these meetings regularly, you can

receive an agenda prior to each meeting and decide whether it will be of interest to attend. If you are interested in learning more about your NAC and the meeting locations, please contact the Neighborhood Office at (503) 526-2243.

The City of Beaverton has many opportunities for two-way communication with City Hall. We have developed an excellent web page that is full of recent and pertinent information about the City. The Web site address is www.ci.beaverton.or.us. You can communicate to City departments directly via the Web. Information can be given, questions asked or complaints can be lodged directly where you want. There are numerous links to other Web sites. I have a Mayor's Hotline that is checked each day by my Executive Assistant who keeps me informed of each call. The number is on the front page of each issue of *Your City*. I appreciate hearing from citizens. Sometimes, complaints are left on the Hotline without leaving follow-up information. Occasionally, the

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Mayor's Hotline

Your interests and concerns are important to me. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503) 526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, a staff member or I will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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information is not accurate and we have no way to let people know they may have a perception that is not substantiated by the facts. I realize not everyone wants a return call, but it would be helpful to sometimes close a loop with additional information.

Some citizens simply want to convey very specific information about some activity or problem in their neighborhood. We have a Traffic Hotline to report problems or requests for specific enforcement to the Traffic Division in the Police Department. That number is (503) 350-4009. For some time, we have had a Graffiti Hotline to report unwanted graffiti in neighborhoods. A call to (503) 629-0111 will alert the Police Department to the problem and will prompt the removal of the unwanted graffiti. Additionally, this past fall we instituted an Abandoned Auto Hotline to report cars that have been abandoned or are inoperable. Abandoned cars continue to be a challenge. The phone number is (503) 350-4058. Lastly, Code Services is responsible for dealing with all aspects of violations of City Code. Often, people just want to know whether certain activity or uses are legal. Our Code Services personnel are happy to answer your questions or take complaints and can be reached at (503) 526-2270.

We appreciate hearing from citizens and look forward to serving you!

• Rob Drake, Mayor

Newest City Councilor Begins Term



Councilor Betty Bode

Beaverton City Councilor Betty Bode was sworn into office on January 6, 2003. Her term of service is four years. Prior to being elected in November 2002, Councilor Bode served on two City Commissions, the Human Rights Commission (serving as Charter

Chair) and the Planning Commission.

Councilor Bode is the Chair of the Medical Office Assisting Program at Chemeketa Community College. She has a doctorate in Philosophy and a Masters of Science in Nursing with a minor in English. She is the Chair of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation.

Councilor Bode can be reached at (503) 526-2347.

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THE CITY'S MISSION:
"Preserve and enhance Beaverton as a responsive, dynamic, attractive and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor
Dennis Doyle, Council President
Betty Bode, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Forrest Soth, Councilor
Cathy Stanton, Councilor

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1-Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
- 2-Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
- 3-Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure.
- 4-Provide responsive, cost effective service to the community.
- 5-Assure a safe and healthy community.
- 6-Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
- 7-Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
- 8-Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

Council Corner: *The Past and the Present*

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilor's opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.



*Councilor Cathy
Stanton*

What is 88 years old [110 years old] and still growing and learning?

This is a reprint of a February 1981 article in Report to the People (precursor to the Your City Newsletter we read today (2003). Note that information between brackets is current (2003) data.

Do you know what happened on February 10, 88 years ago [110 years ago]?

Why, the City of Beaverton was founded, of course.

Much has happened since that time. On its day of incorporation, Beaverton had less the 400 residents. Today (1981) it has around 32,000. [Today (2003) it has around 78,820].

When the original settlers arrived, the area was known as Beaver Dam Country and was little more than a large swampy lake and hundreds of beaver dams. The original founding fathers—John Henry, George Hornbuckle, Thomas Denney, George Betts, and others—saw that once the land was drained, it could be utilized as fertile farmland. Another early settler, August Fanno, proved this to be true by growing huge crops of onions.

In the early 1920's Beaverton had thoughts of becoming another Hollywood. J.J. Fleming organized the Premium Company and built a studio on S.W. Erickson Ave [still there on the N.W. corner of Erickson and 7th]. He produced 15 films before going bankrupt in 1924.

Despite its closeness to Portland, in its early years, Beaverton remained relatively isolated from the metropolitan area by an abrupt range of hills and roundabout rail and highway routes.

In the 1940's a more direct route was

improved, automobile ownership became widespread, and Beaverton began a period of rapid growth which continues even today. By 1950, the population of the city was 2,512, by 1960 it was 6,000. Ten years later it was 18,000 and today (1981) it's estimated at 32,000. [Today (2003) it's estimated at 78,820].

The staff of the City of Beaverton has grown along with the population. From only 15 persons in 1950, the staff has grown to nearly 250 today (1981) [433 in 2003].

Until 1949 the City had only one regular police officer, Henry Mayfield. He used his own car for all police calls and worked out of his home with the aid of his wife.

When a call for assistance came in to Mayfield's wife, she would activate a red light at the corner of Watson and Broadway, signaling her husband to come home and respond to the call.

Today (1981) the City employs 30 patrol officers and 10 detectives. [Today (2003) the City employs 68 patrol officers and 11 detectives.]

The Fire Department has experienced similar growth. The department was a volunteer force of 15 to 20 men until the fateful year of 1931. In that year a house burned to the ground because no one could find the key to the garage where the fire engine was stored. The City Council formally organized the Fire Department later that year. [In 1996 the City of Beaverton's Fire Department merged with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Beaverton no longer has its own Fire Department.]



City Councilors Welcome Your Comments

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following numbers:

**Dennis Doyle,
Council
President
(503) 526-2344**

**Betty Bode
(503) 526-2347**

**Fred Ruby
(503) 526-2345**

**Forrest Soth
(503) 644-4972**

**Cathy Stanton
(503) 526-2343**

Economic Development Program: “The Round” Project Update

By now, most of you are probably aware that The Round, the mixed use development straddling the Beaverton Central MAX station, is back under construction with the first phase almost complete. The first phase consists of the five story office building just south of the tracks, a condominium/retail building (the Crescent/Promenade Building) north of the tracks, and the public plaza north of the station platform.

For those of you new to the City, here is a brief history of the Round. The site, abandoned

unfinished when the developer was unable to secure financing for the project. After a lengthy bankruptcy proceeding, the City and its partner, Microclimates, Inc. purchased the property out of bankruptcy to allow a new developer to take over. In March, 2002, Dorn Platz Properties purchased the property and re-started the development. Dorn Platz Properties builds high quality commercial projects in southern California. They saw the potential of this site, with it's close in location, easy transit access and a community which supported major downtown redevelopment.

Coldwell Banker Barbara Sue Seal Real Estate, the first tenant, moved into the office building last November. Currently, Executive Suites are being constructed on one floor of the office building and several other tenants are in various stages of committing to space in the building.

Model condominiums are open in the Crescent/Promenade Building, with pre-sales occurring for the 65 condos in the building. These are the first new ownership residences built in downtown Beaverton in decades. Typhoon! Thai restaurant will open in April on the ground floor of the building. Leases are underway for other ground floor tenants. The public plaza north of the station is under construction and will be completed later this spring. The Crescent/Promenade Building and wide walkways will frame ample seating areas, landscaping and a series of small waterfalls in the plaza, forming a delightful place to eat lunch or watch the train go by.

This spring, construction will begin on the next building, a 24 Hour Fitness facility, topped with condominiums at the corner of Watson and Millikan. More offices, retail, condominiums, a parking structure and more public plazas will follow to finish out the eight acre development over the next two to three years.

It is exciting to see the community's patience with this project finally paying off. This long-planned northerly anchor for downtown Beaverton, along with the new library anchoring the south end of downtown, set the stage for invigorating the central core of Beaverton.



A view of the first office building at the Round and a MAX Light Rail Train.

in the 1970's as a city sewer plant, became a prime opportunity area with the routing of westside MAX through the parcel. The City decided to solicit for and sell this prime property to a developer who would build a mixed use project consistent with the vision of higher density jobs and housing adjacent to light rail.

The first phase was intended to be completed when westside MAX opened in the fall of 1998. A mixed use residential building and an office building were begun, but left

West Nile Virus Reminder

Many residents in Oregon have become increasingly concerned about West Nile Virus after last October's discover of a raven in northeastern Washington that tested positive for West Nile Virus. The virus may be a concern in our state this spring when mosquito season starts. Many species of birds, along with horses and other animals, may become infected and die from West Nile Virus. The disease is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus is not spread person-to-person or directly to people from birds or animals. The majority of West Nile infections for humans are mild, with fever and flu-like symptoms. More severe infections may cause inflammation of the brain and potential death. Individuals can begin to take some simple precautions to protect them-selves from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile such as:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.

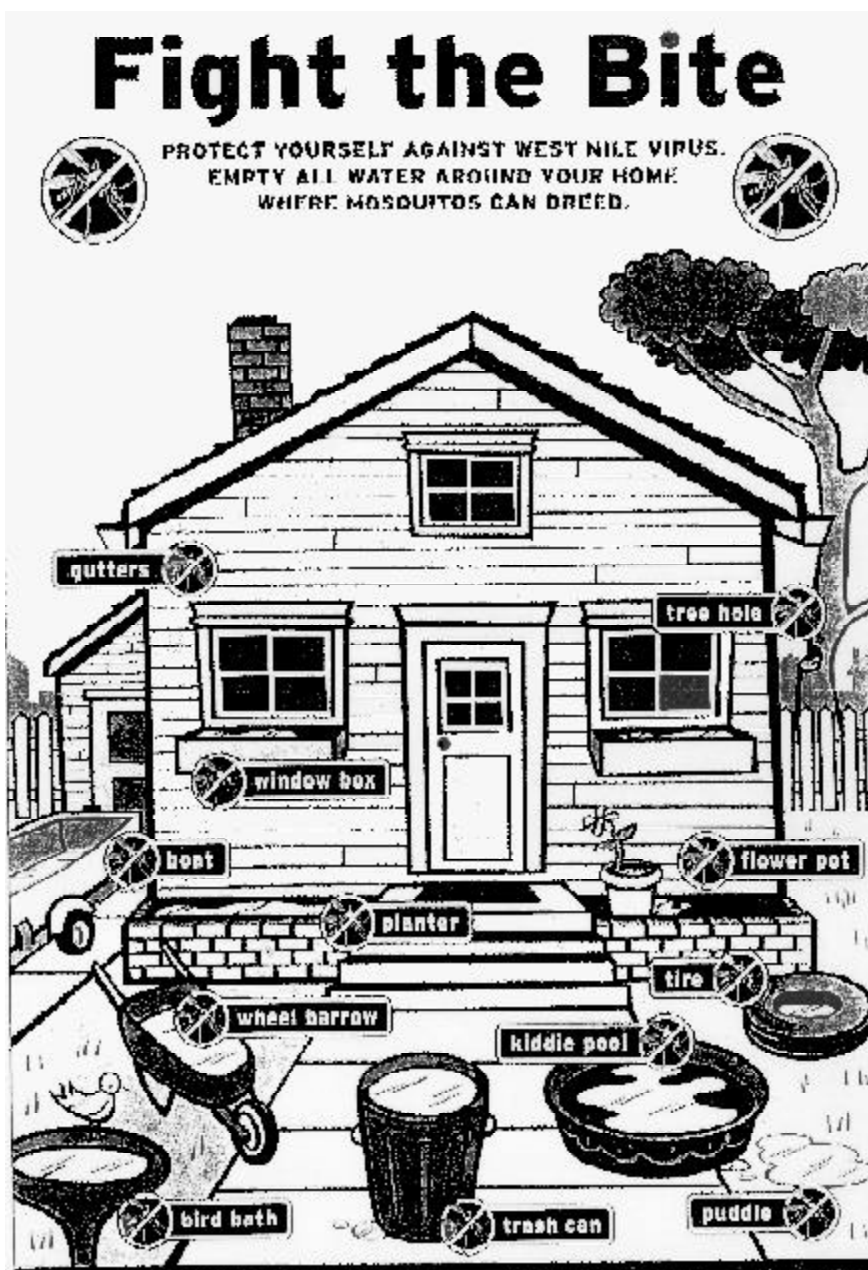
- Since mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, avoid playing or working

outside at these times.

- When outdoors, wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and other protective clothing.

- Wear insect repellent

- Make sure your doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.



For more information on West Nile Virus: <http://www.ohd.hrs.state.or.us/acd/w Nile/index.cfm>

Operations Department: Arbor Day 2003

The idea for proposing an "Arbor Day" holiday originated in Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. As a pioneer and journalist from Detroit, moving to a state that was once a treeless plain, Morton shared his love of nature with fellow pioneers who also missed the trees. Governor Robert W. Furnas officially proclaimed March 12, 1874 as Arbor Day, but the day was officially named in 1885 as a legal holiday. Since then, other states have passed legislation observing Arbor Day. National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates according to their best tree-planting season.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Beaverton as a Tree City USA. The City is proud of this recognition and celebrates Arbor Day in going a step further, declaring an "Arbor Week." This year Mayor



City Operations Department staff prepare to plant a tree.

Rob Drake will sign a proclamation declaring April 6 through April 12 as Arbor Week. Following this declaration, the City's Urban Forestry Section plants native trees on a City owned property. Last year's planting took place behind the Beaverton Resource Center. In years prior to that, the planting took place at Cooper Mountain Reservoir and on the Barberry bike trail off of Sorrento Road. Each site is marked with a marble plaque that commemorates the date and year of the planting.

This year's Arbor Day planting will be on the new Stanton Meadows bike trail at the end of



The digging continues to prepare a tree planting.

Snowshoe Lane. Western Red cedars and Douglas fir will be planted and used to enhance the wetlands and landscape that have been recently installed.

For further information about the Urban Forestry Section of Operations, please call (503) 526-2220, or visit the City Web site.

Tax Season: Forms Available at the Library

Can't find the tax form you need or the instructions for filling out a form? Beaverton City Library has a supply of the most common Oregon and federal forms, instructions, and publications. The library also has a notebook sent to us by the IRS specifically for photocopying those seldom-used forms and instructions.

If you can't get to the library, you can contact the IRS directly: Access the IRS Internet web site for federal forms, instructions, publications and tax information at www.irs.gov or use your fax machine to request forms and instructions 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (703) 368-9694. Place a phone order for forms, instructions, and publications at 1-(800) 829-3676 or receive direct tax assistance at 1-(800) 829-1040.

**Arbor Week in
Beaverton is
April 6-12.
Visit the City
Web site for
more details,
in the Urban
Forestry
section of the
Operations
Department.**

Police Department: Partners for a Safer Community

"Partners for a Safer Community" has long served as the Beaverton Police Department motto. It represents the department's belief in a community oriented policing philosophy, and the value the agency places upon working in partnership with others to achieve shared goals.

More than words on paper, it has inspired agency members to actively seek partnership opportunities with citizens, businesses, and other governmental agencies. These partnerships have taken many forms, including the creation of teams of law enforcement professionals from multiple agencies within Washington County.

The sharing of resources through participation in such interagency teams has allowed for the delivery of cost effective and efficient services to the community and the reduction of duplicate efforts among police agencies. The Beaverton Police Department is an active participant in the following teams.

Interagency Gang Enforcement Team (IGET) The mission of IGET is to aggressively track, monitor, and document gang affiliates; to investigate criminal activity related to gangs; and, to enforce federal, state, and local laws.

Westside Interagency Narcotics Team (WIN) WIN is a narcotics enforcement task

force whose members enforce drug laws as well as seek out and dismantle drug trafficking organizations.

Major Crimes Team The function of this team is to respond to major homicides, officer involved shootings, and other crimes deemed as appropriate.

High Tech Crime Team This team has established partnerships with the area's primary high technology companies for purposes of developing crime prevention and enforcement strategies specific to those issues encountered by such companies.

Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT) TNT consists of highly trained and skilled individuals who are called upon to handle incidents that pose a significant risk or threat to the safety of citizens and/or police officers.

Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) The primary mission of CART is to investigate and reconstruct motor vehicle traffic crashes that may result in the prosecution of felony assault and/or manslaughter charges.

TriMet Unit The focus of the unit is to support the TriMet Transit Division in its endeavor to provide a safe and efficient mass transit system for the Metropolitan Area.

Civic Television Studio Coming to City Hall

The Forrest C. Soth City Council Chambers in City Hall will soon be receiving television enhancements due to an \$119,700 grant received by Tualatin Valley Television (TVTV) from the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC). The grant provides for the installation of a built-in television studio and permanent television cameras in Beaverton's Council Chambers.

Currently, TVTV has to bring mobile cameras and production equipment into Council Chambers each time the City televises City Council meetings or special events such as the Voter's Forums. With the installation of the Civic Studio, videotaping public meetings and educational events will be less costly and more efficient since the need for numerous camera

operators and temporary equipment will be reduced. As a result, opportunities will be increased to televise additional City Council meetings, as well as other Board & Commission meetings such as the Planning Commission or Traffic Commission. More importantly, there will be an increased opportunity for different types of educational programs to be taped from the Council Chambers.

The grant will provide for the purchase and installation of the cameras and production equipment for the studio. Upon its completion in June, Beaverton will join other jurisdictions, such as Lake Oswego and Tigard, who have benefited from the installation of a built-in Civic Studio.

Engineering Department: 2003/2004 Capital Improvements and Transportation System Planning

The development of the City of Beaverton's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for fiscal year 2003-2004 is currently underway. The CIP is an annually updated document with listings of prioritized proposed improvements and expansions of the City's infrastructure systems. The primary goal of the CIP is to maintain appropriate service levels to existing City residents and businesses and to accommodate population growth and land development while maintaining the City's quality of life. You can assist in this effort by identifying historical infrastructure problems that you feel have not been adequately addressed. Please communicate your concerns about the existing storm drainage, sanitary, water or street systems by calling (503) 526-2450 or sending email to jbrink@ci.beaverton.or.us.

Transportation System Plan

The City of Beaverton updates its Transportation System Plan (TSP) routinely to monitor changing conditions and to identify needed improvements to accommodate growth over a twenty-year period as required by the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule. The 2015 Transportation System Plan, adopted in 1999, needs to be updated. It also needs to be updated to respond to a State requirement that a local transportation plan must be consistent with Metro's *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*. Metro's *RTP* was updated to forecast year 2020 and adopted in August 2000.

The *Transportation System Plan Update* for forecast year 2020 was developed through a public involvement process that began in November 2000 and included numerous Traffic Commission public forums, open houses, City committee meetings, technical advisory committee meetings, two Planning Commission work sessions, and a City Council work session. The Traffic Commission also reviewed the updated *Transportation Element* of the Comprehensive Plan in an October 3, 2002, work session. The *Element* was accepted and forwarded to the Planning Commission for a

public hearing.

The *Element* includes text and maps that update the City's transportation goals and policies, improvements, and financial element. It also adopts the *Transportation System Plan Update* and appendices as a part of the City's Public Facilities Plan in *Comprehensive Plan Volume IV*, a support document to the Comprehensive Plan.

Development Code and Engineering Design Manual and Standard Drawings amendments to implement the updated plan are in process. All of these details are readily available on the City Web site. Please feel free to call (503) 526-2424 if you have questions.

Free Lead Hazards Risk Assessments

Children under 6 years old living in a home built before 1978 may be at risk of lead poisoning, which can cause learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, even brain damage. Lead-based paint – which was banned in 1978, but is common in older houses – can be very harmful to young children, and parents and other caregivers should be alert to the danger of lead exposure. A recent study by the Oregon Health Division found that three to five percent of Portland-area children tested had elevated blood lead levels.

As part of a consortium of eight local jurisdictions, the City of Beaverton has grant money available for homeowners with small children to help contain lead hazards in their homes. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$10,000 for lead hazard reduction work on their property. Call (503) 988-4000 today to learn about free risk assessments and grants through the Portland Regional Lead Hazard Control Program.

Is Your Home In Need of Repair?

If you can answer “yes” to the following questions, you may qualify for a low interest loan or grant for needed home repairs:



- *Do you live within the City Limits of Beaverton?*
- *Do you own your own home or mobile home?*
- *Is your household income less than 80% of the median income (example: annual household income less than \$36,600 for a family of two)?*

For more information call the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator (503)526-2488 V/TDD or visit the City Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/blockgrant

www.ci.beaverton.or.us

City Unveils Redesigned Web Site

On February 11, 2003, the City of Beaverton released an updated Web site that features a new look and design which focuses on making the site more accessible to the widest possible audience. With the new design, content has been focused into areas of common subject matter making it easier to find specific information. In addition, more ADA compliant features have been built into the site.

Not only was the content redesigned, but several new online eGovernment features have been added including the entire City Code posted with advanced search capabilities. Also, several City departments have expanded the content on their Web pages to better serve the needs of the Beaverton community.

One area that we are pleased to announce is an expanded Arts Commission gallery that displays pictures of artwork on exhibit at City Hall and permits searching based on artist,

medium and when the artwork was on exhibit. A departmental directory with phone numbers and email addresses for specific departments and divisions has also been included for your convenience. In addition, a directory of utility providers and other services is now online.

We invite you to visit the redesigned Web site and explore the changes for yourself. Although the changes are too numerous to list several sections with significant updates that you might want to include in your tour include: Court, Police, Library, Human Resources, Operations, Emergency Management, Recycling, Neighborhoods, Code Services and Economic Development.

Please let us know what you think of the changes! There is an online survey that you can fill out to provide feedback. We would like to know how we could continue to improve the Web site to better serve your needs.

Low interest loans are available to Beaverton residents based on income guidelines. See the City Web site to determine whether or not you may qualify for assistance.

Visit the City Web site to learn more information about signing up for City of Beaverton email subscription lists.

Code Services Program: Landscaping to Discourage Crime

The design of your landscaping and how you maintain your vegetation can discourage and deter criminal behavior around your house. Good landscape security design will define property boundaries, eliminate hiding places, and deter unwanted access, while improving safety and adding to the appearance and value of your property. As you plan your yard work for this spring, consider some of the crime-detering benefits that landscaping can provide to make your home and your neighborhood a safer place to live and play.

Removing tree branches lower than six feet in height for trees that are close to your house will reduce the number of hiding places for unwanted visitors. Trimming tree branches that provide access to windows and roofs or that hang over fences will also help to deter crime. Pruning low-hanging branches is an especially good practice near streets and sidewalks to provide clear visibility for motorists and pedestrians.

Shrubs can also be used to fight crime. Shrubs that are pruned to a height of three feet can form a formidable obstacle for someone to go through, yet are low enough to provide poor concealment for persons wanting to hide. Shrubs planted under windows can make it difficult for a person to try to enter a house

through the window. This is especially true if the shrubs are thorny. Examples of thorny shrubs are:

- Bougainvillea, a large thorny shrub,
- Holly, a medium sized shrub or tree with prickly leaves,
- Pyracantha, a medium sized thorny shrub, and
- Barberry, a low to medium sized thorny shrub.

Incorporating good exterior lighting into your landscaping plans can also be an effective way to deter criminal activity. Direct the light toward the area you want to secure and make sure it does not shine toward your windows, preventing you from seeing if someone is on your property. Also, make sure that any lighting you install does not shine unwanted light onto your neighbor's property or into the eyes of motorists. Motion-detector lights provide good security and economy of operation. Newer models have "dusk-to-dawn" features that automatically turn the lights off during the daytime.

With a little planning and care, your landscaping can provide more than visual appeal—it can enhance your safety and security and add to the value of your home.

Neighborhood Program: Volunteers Needed for City Committees

The City of Beaverton is looking for residents interested in serving as volunteer board members on the City's Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee (SCAC), Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee (CDAC), and Human Rights Advisory Committee (HRAC).

The City's boards and commissions play an important role in promoting public involvement in City government. The SCAC, CDAC, and HRAC are advisory boards and are responsible for communicating the community's opinions and needs to the Mayor, City Council and City

staff; studying City policies, programs, and services; and offering new proposals and recommendations to City policies, programs, and services. Each of the committees meet one time per month.

For an application or additional information, please contact Megan Callahan, Neighborhood Program, by telephone at (503) 526-2243, by email at mcallahan@ci.beaverton.or.us, or check out the City's website at www.ci.beaverton.or.us.

Community Development Department: Water and Electricity Don't Mix...Or Do They?

Alas, the water service to your home needs to be replaced. You call your favorite plumber who recommends changing the old worn-out metal pipe to a new longer lasting plastic pipe. Your new water service is inspected, approved, and ready for use. Life is wonderful, but is there a potentially shocking event on the horizon?

Changing a water service from metal to plastic may compromise your home's electrical service grounding system. Most homes built prior to 1978 typically have a grounding system connected only to the water piping that runs from your water meter into your house. This relies on the original metal water service to provide an adequate grounding system. Homes built after 1978 usually have a grounding system that does not rely on a metal water service and, therefore, are not affected by a change from metal to plastic water services.

Without a proper service ground, a short circuit in your home may not trip your safety fuse or circuit breaker. As a result, appliances

could be damaged resulting in a fire or a serious electrical shock.

If you have an older home and your water service needs to be replaced, you may also want to have an electrical contractor check out your service ground to verify the ground path. The residence may already have a supplemental ground. If not, the electrical contractor can suggest a choice of acceptable supplemental grounding systems. The most common is a No. 6 copper wire run from the service panel to two 5/8-inch diameter by 8-foot ground rods driven into the ground adjacent to the building.

If a new grounding system is necessary, it will require an electrical permit and an inspection. Homeowners may do their own work under a one-circuit permit. An electrical contractor may use either a minor label or a one-circuit permit.

If you need more information about grounding your home, please contact our electrical inspectors at (503) 526-2477 or (503) 526-2529.

General Services Program: Beaverton's Electronic Records Program

Beaverton has moved into the electronic records format allowing staff and citizens to access records using the Internet and City software. City staff have worked to provide electronic access of these electronic records that can be e-mailed, faxed, copied to CD's, or printed providing immediate customer service to staff and citizens.

Beaverton has scanned 6,855,700 pages that include Agreements, Ordinances, City Council minutes, Resolutions, land use records, City Council agendas and packets, code enforcement records, neighborhood meeting agendas and minutes, budget meeting minutes, and annexation records. These scanned records provide a history of the City that dates back to the City's incorporation in 1893. Many records include historical photographs and maps.

City Council history is displayed through electronic storage of 7,653 agenda bills. The

City has saved \$159,250 on active storage space and staff time that would be required to retrieve these records in paper format. The electronic records program serves the citizens and City staff in an efficient and cost saving way to document, retrieve, and store records.



A General Services staff member in the process of scanning documents.

City staff has scanned nearly 7 million pages of documents in the Electronic Records program.

Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center: Available for Presentations and Trainings

Are you considering who will be the guest speaker at your group's next meeting? Why not try the Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center? In addition to helping neighbors and businesses resolve conflicts, the Center provides free education and training to the community.

The Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center is available for informational presentations and mini-workshops to help your group learn more about Center services and/or a variety of topics, such as:

- Active Listening;
- How to be a Neighbor;
- Conflict Styles;
- Dealing with Difficult Customers;
- Customer Service;
- Perceptions and Assumptions; and
- Manufactured Dwelling Park Issues.

The trainings are popular with a variety of groups and organizations, including:

neighborhood associations, service organizations, governmental agencies, social services, churches, manufactured dwelling parks, schools, and apartment complexes. The workshops are interactive, informational, and fun! In addition, we are flexible in working with your group's needs and length of meeting.

The Center also provides neighborhood mediation services to help resolve conflicts such as animal complaints, noise problems, property line disputes, tree and vegetation issues, parking, landlord/tenant concerns, and manufactured dwelling park issues. Services are confidential, free and voluntary.

We welcome the opportunity to visit and provide information to your group in the future. Please contact the Dispute Resolution Center at (503) 526-2523 to schedule a meeting today! Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sister Cities Program: Host Families Needed

We are currently looking for citizens who might be interested in opportunities to become involved with the Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation. We are always seeking families that might be interested in serving as hosts for a visiting student from one of our six Sister Cities. The visit length is typically eight to ten days. The host family is responsible for housing, food, entertainment and transportation.

The Sister Cities Office works out the schedule and does most of the transportation during the week. This may include social events that the student would be attending and to which the host family would also be invited to attend. These are fun events, giving those participating a chance to meet other local people involved in the exchange program. It is an advantage to have a child of about the same age, but we need homes for chaperones too. So if you have ever considered this program, call our office and we will place your information on our host family list.

Another opportunity for involvement is as a

Foundation Board member. Our members are very involved in the program and also have a great time meeting visitors or considering a visit to a Sister City at a greatly reduced price. If you have ever wanted to visit any of the countries (Japan, Taiwan R.O.C., Korea, Russia, Germany or France) this is the way. The Board meets once a month for about one hour. The best way to learn about us is to call our office at (503) 526-2499 for the details.

We had a successful scholarship Dinner/Auction in February to raise funds for student scholarships. In the middle of March we will see our Beaverton group head for Korea for a short visit. Two of these students are returning for a second visit to our Sister City. The five adults going with the students pay their own expenses and enjoy their visit as much as the students.

We welcome inquiries about upcoming student trips or about additional trips that citizens might join to visit the Sister Cities. Just call our office at (503) 526-2499 for any information.

Solid Waste & Recycling Program: Automated Garbage Collection

Most of the City of Beaverton is now being serviced through an automated garbage system. This means that a special truck can grab, lift, and empty your garbage container in an efficient manner. Automation increases collection efficiencies and reduces chances for injuries.

As part of the switch to automation, residents must use the provided garbage bins so the automated arm can lift and empty the can. No longer does the driver physically lift the can and empty it into the truck.

- Please place garbage in the approved container at the curb (**not on the street**) no later than 6:00 a.m. on your service day.

- Please set your garbage roll-cart at least 5 feet away from your red recycling bins, cars, and mailboxes and at least 18 feet from trees or other overhead obstacles. The automated truck needs clearance to lift and dump your cart.



If you have questions about your garbage or recycling services at your home or business, contact us at (503) 526-2665 or recyclingmail@ci.beaverton.or.us

Community Garden Plots Available

Do you have the urge to dig in the soil and grow vegetables or flowers for yourself or family but don't have the space at your home or apartment?

The City of Beaverton has two Community Garden locations that could be just the answer to your needs! Over 100 20'x20' garden plots are available at either the "Kennedy Gardens" located near the intersection of 103rd and Kennedy or at the "Welch Centennial Gardens" near 10th and Erickson.

Garden spaces may be reserved for a garden season for a \$30 fee, which pays for the use of the land, water, and general garden maintenance. You are responsible for planting, caring, and harvesting your plot(s).

Fresh tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, potatoes, flowers -- whatever your desire, can be yours, along with the opportunity to meet and share information with neighbor gardeners.

Returning gardeners have the first option on their garden plots, but with garden expansions this year, there are many plots available to new gardeners.

Contact the Community Garden program via email (gardenmail@ci.beaverton.or.us) or by calling (503)350-4019 to get more details.



Arts Commission Goals

•To contribute significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting artistically excellent cultural events, which celebrate community values and help connect residents to their heritage.

•To inform citizens about exceptional arts programs and cultural activities in the Beaverton community.

•To foster access for our youth to high quality arts programs in our schools and community.

•To promote the richness of Beaverton's many ethnic and cultural groups and allow for sharing of various cultural expressions.

Beaverton Arts Commission: Celebrating 20 Years of Service to the Beaverton Community

In March 2003, the Beaverton Arts Commission turns 20. The artistic and cultural environment in Beaverton has come a long way in those 20 years thanks to the vision and hard work of Beaverton citizens, the Mayor and the City Council. Here is a brief look back.

Before the 1970's, citizens had few opportunities to experience the arts in Beaverton. A group of citizens and business leaders dedicated to enriching Beaverton's cultural environment formed the Beaverton Art Association in 1973. The group's first project featured artwork created by local artists that was exhibited in the First State Bank of Oregon, located on Hall Blvd.

In 1982 discussions began with Mayor Jack Nelson that focused on forming a City-sponsored Arts Commission that would encompass all of the visual as well as the performing arts. The first major effort launched

by this group was entitled, "Beaverton Art Showcase;" it opened in November and the local papers called it "the City's flashiest event in recent years."

A City Ordinance formally established the Beaverton Arts Commission in March 1983. Since that time the Commission Board has raised several hundred thousand dollars in donations to fund year-round cultural arts programming for the enjoyment of Beaverton citizens.

The Beaverton Arts Commission invites you to participate in the arts! Contact us for a calendar of events by contacting the Commission office by phone at (503) 526-2288 or email jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us, or by visiting our Web site at <http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts>. You can sign up for the Arts News and Events Mailing List at the City's Web site.

Celebration of Creativity 25th Annual Fine Art Exhibit and Sale February 27 - March 2, 2003



"Beaverton" — 7' x 29" 25" x 37" — acrylic on canvas — by Melissa...

Friday, February 28 . . . Exhibit and Sale . . . 10 am - 5 pm
Artists' Reception . . . 7 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, March 1 . . . Exhibit and Sale . . . 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, March 2 . . . Exhibit and Sale . . . 1 pm - 4 pm

— Free admission and parking —

"FIRST LOOK" GALA

Thursday, February 27

Art, Hors d'oeuvres & Entertainment

7 pm - 9 pm \$10 at the door



"Starting point with
a second round" — Amy Baker



"Place offered" — 12" x 12" — by...

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Beaverton City Library: Washington County READS 2003



Join Beaverton City Library in Washington County Reads 2003. What if everybody in our community read the same book? This first year, everybody's reading *Pay*

It Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Here's how you can join in the fun: read the book and talk about it with others.

- Go to a Discussion Leader Training
- Join a Book Group
- Teens - **Participate** in Photo Contest
- See the Movie for FREE
- Celebrate Students Paying It Forward
- Attend the Panel Discussion

Reading the same book as your neighbors, family and friends, gives everyone that one thing in common to talk about. Washington County Reads 2003 is the first annual countywide book read designed to engage a cross-section of the community in reading, discussions and community involvement around the themes of a

book that the entire community is reading.

What is *Pay It Forward*? It is the story of how a boy, who believed in the goodness of human nature, set out to change the world. The author, Catherine Ryan Hyde, introduces readers to a story about Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy, living in a small California town who accepts the challenge that his teacher gives his class, a chance to earn extra credit by coming up with a plan to change the world for the better - and to put that plan into action. The plan that Trevor comes up with is so simple - that when others learn of it they are sure it will never work.

In the end, *Pay It Forward* is the story of essentially every day people made extraordinary by the simple hope of a child.

Join in! Read *Pay It Forward*, then talk about it with your freinds and family.

For more information on Pay It Forward see www.WILnet.wcccls.lib.or.us or call the Beaverton City Library (503) 644-2197

Sponsored by Washington County Cooperative Library System (WCCLS).

Upcoming Library Events and Programs

March 2003

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| <p>2 Sun. 2:00 p.m., "The Research Revolution: Science and the Shaping of Modern Life - Genetics", Video/Discussion program</p> <p>2 Sun. 2:00 p.m., "Best Books for Kids", A Class for Childcare Providers, call Angela Reynolds, (503) 466-1894 to register</p> <p>4 Tues. 7-8:30 p.m., WOMB (Women's Biography Group), Please read any biography of George Sand</p> <p>8 Sat. 11:00 a.m., "Funny Folktales" Puppet Show, ages 4 and up</p> <p>9 Sun. 2:00 p.m., Arts & Education @ BCL Series: Barbara Ashmun will present a program on Garden Design</p> <p>11 Tues. 6:30 p.m., Retro Nite, grades 6-12, pre-registration required call (503) 350-4001</p> <p>13 Thurs. 7-8:30 p.m., Writer's Group</p> | <p>16 Sun. 2:00 p.m., "The Research Revolution: Science and the Shaping of Modern Life- Forensics", Video/Discussion program</p> <p>25 Tues. 6:30 p.m., "Pay It Forward" Free Movie Showing for Washington County READS</p> <p>26 Wed. 2:00 p.m., Spring Break in the Tropics a fun musical performance, all ages</p> <p>27 Thurs. 7-8:30 p.m., Washington County READS Book Discussion Group, "Pay It Forward"</p> <p>27 Thurs. 7-8:30 p.m., Writer's Group</p> <p>30 Sun. 2:00 p.m., MOSAIC (A Reading and Discussion Group), <i>Everything Is Illuminated</i> by Jonathon Safran Foer (facilitated by Phil Harris of the Oregon College of Art and Craft)</p> <p>30-30 Guess the Oscars Contest all Month Long, grades 6-12, Young Adult</p> |
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PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR • MARCH/APRIL 2003

City Council Meetings* - City Hall / Council Chambers

Mon. Mar. 3	6:30 p.m.	Mon. April 7	6:30 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 17	6:30 p.m.	Mon. April 14	6:30 p.m. (Televised)
Mon. Mar. 31	6:30 p.m. (Televised)	Mon. April 21	6:30 p.m.
		Mon. April 28	6:30 p.m.

NAC Meetings**

Central Beaverton NAC	Thurs. Mar. 20	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Thurs. Apr. 17	7:00 p.m.	
Denny Whitford NAC	Thurs. Mar. 27	7:00 p.m.	Edgewood Downs Retirement Ctr.
Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC	Tues. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m.	Tualatin Hills Nature Park
	Tues. Apr. 8	7:00 p.m.	Elmonica Elementary School
Highland NAC	Thurs. Mar. 13	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Resource Center
	Thurs. Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.	
Raleigh West NAC	Wed. Mar. 12	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Wed. Apr. 9	7:00 p.m.	
Sexton Mountain NAC	Wed. Mar. 19	7:00 p.m.	Sexton Mountain Elem. School
	Wed. Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	
South Beaverton NAC	Thurs. Mar. 13	7:00 p.m.	Southridge High School
	Thurs. Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.	
Vose NAC	Wed. Mar. 5	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Wed. Apr. 2	7:00 p.m.	
West Beaverton NAC	Thurs. Mar. 13	7:00 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventist Church
	Thurs. Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.	
West Slope NAC	Thurs. Apr. 15	7:00 p.m.	Valley Presbyterian Church

Boards and Commissions - Meeting Locations at City Hall

Beaverton Arts Commission	Tues. Mar. 18	6:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. Apr. 15	6:00 p.m.	
Beaverton Com. for Citizen Involvement	Tues. Mar. 25	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Tues. Apr. 22	7:00 p.m.	
Beaverton Sister Cities	Thurs. Mar. 13	7:30 a.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. Apr. 10	7:30 a.m.	
B.I.K.E. Task Force	Tues. Mar. 4	6:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. Apr. 1	6:00 p.m.	
Board of Design Review	Thurs. Mar. 6	6:30 p.m.	2nd Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. Mar. 13	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Mar. 20	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Mar. 27	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Apr. 3	6:30 p.m.	2nd Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. Apr. 10	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Apr. 17	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Apr. 24	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Com.	Thurs. Mar. 20	3:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. Apr. 17	3:30 p.m.	
Human Rights Commission	Tues. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Tues. Apr. 15	7:00 p.m.	
Mayor's Youth Advisory Board	Sun. Mar. 2	6:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Sun. Mar. 16	6:00 p.m.	
	Sun. April. 6	6:00 p.m.	
Planning Commission	Wed. Mar. 5	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Wed. Mar. 12	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Mar. 19	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Mar. 26	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Apr. 2	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Apr. 9	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Apr. 23	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. Apr. 30	7:00 p.m.	
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	Tues. Mar. 11	2:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. Apr. 8	2:00 p.m.	
Traffic Commission	Thurs. Mar. 6	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

*Call (503) 526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.

**Call Neighborhood Program, (503) 526-2243 V/TDD to confirm location and meeting dates.

The events listed on this calendar are subject to change. The calendar on the city Web site will have the most current information about events and any cancellations. See <http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/residents/calendar.cfm> for more details.

Assistive listening devices or sign interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request either service, please call (503) 526-2497 V/TDD.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Beaverton Community Center: 12350 SW 5th
Beaverton Resource Center: 12500 SW Allen Blvd.
Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), 8640 SW Turquoise Loop
City Hall: 4755 SW Griffith Dr.
Conestoga Middle School: 12250 SW Conestoga
Edgewood Downs Retirement Center: 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.
Elmonica School: 16950 SW Lisa
Five Oaks School: 1600 NW 173rd Ave.
Highland Park Middle: 7000 SW Wilson
Library Building: 12375 SW Fifth
Nancy Ryles School, 10250 SW Cormorant
Seventh Day Adventist Church: 14645 SW Davis Rd.
Sexton Mt. School: 15645 SW Sexton Mt. Drive
Southridge High School: 9625 SW 125th Avenue
Valley Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Brentwood
THPRD Nature Park Interpretive Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way
Whitford Middle School: 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road

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